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Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 08-331834 and 11-150973 are mentioned in the specification on page two as examples of improved technology for a linear motor capable of operating steadily with high accuracy.

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